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The Class of 1970 Presents the Northern Lights

Valier High School Valier, Montana

#### Dedication

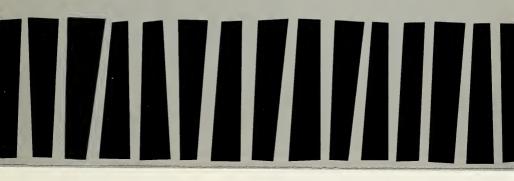


Because he has worked for and with us, because he has given generously of his time and wisdom--words are a poor substitute with which to express our sincere respect and admiration for this man.

He is head of our track program, was our Sophomore and Junior class sponsor and voluntarily gave so much time to the success of our Junior-Senior Prom.

Everyone respects this teacher and looks to him for advice and help. He is never too busy to stop and talk with a student or to help in any way he can.

In appreciation for such devoted service, the Yearbook Staff proudly dedicates the 1970 Northern Lights Annual to Mr. Norman Ballantyne.



Administration & Faculty



Dear Graduating Seniors,

Your years at Valier Schools are finished. Your education for life is not. You will get out of life what you put into it and this is somewhat the same as your years at the Valier Public School.

You have had your ups and downs while in school. They will continue in the future. Some of you will make it, some won't. But remember, there are all sorts of opportunities to advance yourself in years to come, so whether you make it or not depends solely on YOU.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Sindelar, Superintendent

Robert S. Sindlac



Mr. Norman Ballantyne

English Social Studies



Mr. Jack Dunlap

Industrial Arts







Mr. Larry Hodgson

Science and Math



Mr. Paul Knueppel

Social Studies Physical Education







Mrs. Constance Lohse Librarian



Mr. Joe Poelma Band and Chorus





Mr. Rick Shulund Math and Science



Mr. Dick Sirokman Math and Science





Miss Judy Stephenson English



Mrs. Robin Stoltz Home Economics





Mr. Charles VanGorden Sciences and Principal



Mrs. Rachel VanGorden Commercial





#### Seven

#### Citizens

#### Serve

The school board consists of five persons representing the elementary school district and two representatives from the outlying High School districts. It holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may have a special meeting whenever it is necessary.

The purpose of the school board is to make the rules and regulations necessary for the function of the schools. The board cooperates closely with the community and the teachers. They receive little recognition for their devoted service to the field of education.



Mr. Paul Widhalm, Mr. Albert Jannusch, and Mr. Don Haynes.



Mrs. Jim Curry, Mr. Dean Swank, Chairman; Mr. Jim Powers, and Mr. Robert Arnst, Vice-Chairman.







Carl Orr, Custodian Lola Geiger, Clerk Carol DeBoo, Secretary





Organizations



MIEA or Bust!



FRONT ROW: Alice Hayne, Mark Hammer Co-Editor, Evelyn Widhalm Co-Editor, Mrs. VanGordan Sponsor, Pam Crawford Business Manager, Ray Widhalm Business Manager, Candy Parmelee. SECOND ROW: Debra Dean, Penny Nelson, Loretta Stokes, Twilla Wilson, Alice Peterson, Cindy Swanson, Jewel Stokes, Bonnie Dodge, Jean Wheeler, Vicki Dolan, Debbie Rideout. THIRD ROW: Bill Barron, Karl Rapold, Dennis Chatlain, Doug Bowman, Tom Christiaens, Tony Harwood, Ross Buckingham, John Majerus, Dick Habets.



Oh, this is hard work!

One big, happy family.

## Annual Staff "Northern

It is the responsibility of the co-editor's staff of the yearbook to design layouts for all pages, to select the cover and its design, to take, select, and crop pictures, to write copy, and most of all to meet the deadlines with the completed pages.







Our Photographer

## Works for a Better Lights"

The business manager's staff is responsible for all the finances of the yearbook. They must sell adds, supervise the advance sales of the yearbook, collect the payments, write out receipts, and keep an accurate record of all business transactions.



Typist, and Assistant?

Very interesting, but will it work?

September 26, 1969, the co-editors, business managers, and Mrs. VanGorden attended the Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association (MIEA) conference at the University of Montana in Missoula. There, they learned more about the fine points of putting out a yearbook.



FRONT ROW: Pam Crawford, President; Mr. VanGorden, Sponsor. SECOND ROW: Bonnie Dodge, Secretary; Jear Wheeler, Vice President. THIRD ROW: Alice Hayne, Debra Dean. FOURTH ROW: Mark Hammer, Trudy Hall, Susan Crawford, Jane Hammer, Jan Neyenhuis, Bob Koyatch.



## F.T.A. Explores Personal Interests and Abilities in Relation to Teaching



The main objectives of the Future Teachers of America is to learn about the opportunities, responsibilities, and democratic role of the teaching profession and to explore personal interests and abilities in relation to this field.

Initiation and installation of new officers and members opened the year with Mr. Sindelar assisting with the installation ceremony.

The FTA carried out National Education Week by putting up a bulletin board and window display and having a proclamation issued by the mayor. The high school also sponsored "Parents' Day" during this week to encourage parent interest in the educational process at Valier High School by allowing them to participate in classes for a day.

Two faculty members attended a meeting and related their experiences as student teachers and as first-year teachers. Later in the year, FTA members were allowed to teach a unit of their choice.

A student exchange was carried out between Shelby and Valier in which members of each chapter attended classes in the other's school.

"Project 18" was sponsored by the FTA which gave all of the students of VHS the opportunity to voice their opinions on the lowering of the voting age to 18 or 19.

A picnic in the spring concluded the activities of the FTA for the 1969-70 school year.



### Honor Society Sponsors Talent Show



Greg Harwood 1st place instrumental, piano solo.



Initiation of our three newest members.



"The Dolts," 1st place dancing. FRONT ROW: Eve Widhalm, Donna Myhre, Kathy Widhalm. BACK ROW: Trudy Hall, Candy Parmelee.



1st place vocal: FRONT ROW: Jane Durnell, Debbie Wright. BACK ROW: Sheila Allen, Robin Adams.

The main activity of the Honor Society this year was the Talent Show. The purpose was to raise money to be sent to the Boulder River School at Boulder. One hundred dollars was raised and sent. Another activity was caroling at Christmas.



FRONT ROW: Karen Rappold, Vice President; Joe Stark, President; Debbie Wright, Treasurer; Kathy Widhalm, Secretary. SECOND ROW: Mr. Sindelar, Sponsor; Alice Hayne, Pam Crawford, Mark Hammer, Jody Field, Bob Kovatch, Robin Adams, Donna Myhre.

### New "Panther" Found Acceptable



FRONT ROW: Evelyn Widhalm, Pam Crawford, Jean Wheeler, Rick Geiger, Alice Hayne, Helen Stephen, Debbie Rideout, Bonnie Dodge, Mrs. Stoltz, Sponsor. SECOND ROW: Susan Russell, Diane VanGorden, Carolyn Harwood, Bob Kovatch, Tony Harwood, Susan Crawford, Tom Christiaens, Candy Parmelee, Greg Harwood, Ray Widhalm, Susan Struss, Karen Rappold, Debra Dean, Debbie Wright, Connie Pepion.



Our editor, and assistant editor.



Sponsors: Mrs. Stoltz

What a trip!!





The school paper, "The Panther," came out regularly every two weeks during the school year. There was one special edition for District Basketball Tournament news. The staff tried a magazine format and a survey showed a majority of the students found it more acceptable than the former way.

Editor: Alice Hayne
Assistant Editor: Helen Stephen
Publications Manager: Rick Geiger
Sports: Tom Christiaens, Bob Kovatch, Tony
Hanwood, and Ray Widhalm
Artists: Greg Harwood, and Debra Dean
Typists: Jean Wheeler, Debbie Rideout, Pam
Crawford, and Bonnie Dodge
Make-up and Headlines: Connie Pepion, Carolyn
Harwood, and Diane VanGorden
Reporters: Debbie Wright, Susan Russell, Eve
Widhalm, Susan Struss, Karen Rappold, and
Candy Parmelee.

#### I.A. Club Builds Useful Projects



FRONT ROW: Bill Barron, Secretary; Dennis Chatlain, Treasurer; Doug Bowman, President; Ross Buckingham, Vice President; Joe Stark, Parliamentarian; Mr. Dunlap, Sponsor. SECOND ROW: Tim Widhalm, Tom Widhalm, Kemny Kovatch, Gary Arnst, Jerry Widhalm, Greg Harwood, Ray Widhalm, Karl Rappold, Gary Hammer, Larry Wunderlich, Gary Widhalm, and Mike Widhalm. THIRD ROW: Gary Bruce, Robbie VandenBos, Brett Briden, Rex Barrett, Ron Widhalm, Randy Rideout, Rick VanDeKop, Steve Wenzel, Tom Allen, and Terry VandenBos. FOURTH ROW: Randy Boumans, John DenBoer, Ronnie Simmons, Lenny VandenBos, Tom Christiaens, Tony Harwood, Steve Goff, Doug Powers, Dick Wenzel, and Roger Culleton.

The members of the Industrial Arts Club of 1969-1970 would like to thank Mr. Jack Dunlap for the help and interest he has shown in the past years.

Under the supervision of Mr. Dunlap, the I.A. Club has undertaken wood-construction projects beneficial to both school and community. Among them were the completion of the concession booth and the construction of a Christmas scene which will be erected annually on the high school roof during Christmas season.

#### Consession Stand





Another Project





### Panther Paws are Always Working



FRONT ROW: President, Cindy Swanson. SECOND ROW: Vice President, Jan Neyenhuis. THIRD ROW: Secretary, Anita Geiger; Helen Stephen, Nancy Hayne, Donna Myhre. FOURTH ROW: Candy Parmelee, Kathy Widhalm. FIFTH ROW: Pam Crawford, Alice Hayne. LAST ROW: Treasurer, Jane Durnell; Sponsors, Mr. Ballantyne and Miss Stephenson; Eve Widhalm.

The Panther Paws is a service organization which serves as a host at all public school functions. These girls assist in carrying the flags, holding ropes for basketball games, ushering, handing out programs, and are available for service whenever needed.





#### Band Becomes More Involved



FRONT ROW: Connie Wenzel, Penny Nelson, Nancy Crawford, Diane VanGorden, Kathy Kovatch, Debbie Dolan, Melody Johnson. SECOND ROW: Madelyn Olson, Jane Getts, Leslie Thompson, Candy Parmlee, Larry Wunderlich, Rhonda Stokes, Ron Sullivan, Jean Wheeler, Jan Neyenhuis, Marlene Arnst, Pam Crawford. LAST ROW: Director, Mr. Poelma; Loretta Stokes, Ray Widhalm, Debbie Rideout, Greg Harwood, Bob Kovatch, Dave Kovatch, Ted Holdren, Cindy Swanson, Bonnie Dodge, Donna Myhre, Helen Stephen, John Majerus, Ken Kovatch, Dick Habets, Rhonda Barron, Debra Dean.

The band, meeting five days a week instead of three days as in previous years, showed much progress and improvement. It serves the school as a pep band by playing at games and pep rallies, as a marching band in parades, and as a concert band at its annual Fall, Christmas, and Spring concerts. A highlight of the band's year was their performance at the half-time of the Homecoming game. They had practiced many weeks to perfect their formations; a rocket, a face, and a mountain.



# Chorus Participates in Concerts, District Music Festival, and Geraldine Workshop



FRONT ROW: Mr. Poelma, Director, Jean Hayes, Kathy Widhalm, Jan Neyenhuis, Sheila Allen, Jane Durnell, Roxanna Den Doer, Cindy Swanson, Eve Widhalm. SECOND ROW: Karen Rappold, Linda Reishus, Joan Yeager, Marla Slezak, Anita Geiger, Connie Pepion, Valerie Hale. THIRD ROW: Trudy Hall, Susan Struss, Rhonda Stokes, Rhonda Barron, Helen Stephen, Denise Gossard, Roberta Keeler, Carolyn Harwood. FOURTH ROW: Marie Adamson, Greg Harwood, Ted Holdren, Tony Harwood, Tom Christiaens, Joe Stark, Dennis Chatlain, Bob Kovatch, Judy Hale.

The Valier High School Chorus practiced 3 times a week during the 1969-70 school year. They performed at the Christmas concert, the Spring concert, Festival, and graduation.

A highlight of the year and something which had never been done before, was a trip to Geraldine, Montana, where the choruses from eight different schools all sang under the direction of Mr. Trepp, of Northern Montana College.

#### Student Council Informs Students



First Row: Nancy Hayne; Secretary-Treasurer, Tony Harwood; President, Bob Kovatch; Vice-President. Second Row: Deanna Geiger; Freshmen Class Representative, Jody Field; Junior Class Representative, Mark Hammer; Senior Class Representative, Ron Widhalm; Freshmen Class Representative, and Mr. Sindelar; Sponsor. Not Pictured, Jayme Nelson; Sophomore Class Representative.

The main governing body of the school does various jobs that help the student Body.

Some of the projects done this year were: repainting the goal posts and side line markers on the football field, cutting Christmas trees to be used in the High School, providing candy machines for the Students, and presenting an Anti-Smoking program, which carried a very important message for all, to the Junior High and P. T. A.

Besides the small jobs done there was much involvement with the other Student councils in our district. The Student governments of our district joined together to make our schools heard in the State Student Council Convention held in Billings. Tony Harwood, Mark Hammer, and Bob Kovatch, who ran for Vice-President of the State wide organization, went to the large convention as delegates. Bob lost a close election but he did represent Valier and the other schools in our District very well.

Within the school the Council worked with the teachers and School Board by giving suggestions for a new dress code and new rules for dances and informing students about various events and curfew. The most important job was working with the other organizations in the school to build school spirit and encourage more activities.



CHOP! CHOP! With a chain saw?

#### V—Club Works for Future Athletes



FRONT ROW: Tom Christiaens, President; SECOND ROW: Rick Geiger, Secretary-Treasurer; John Majerus, Vice President. THIRD ROW: Dennis Chatlain, Jody Field, Bob Kovatch, Gary Casey. FOURTH ROW: Roger Culleton, Gary Arnst, Terry VandenBos, Lenny VandenBos, FIFTH ROW. Dick Wenzel, Doug Powers, Ray Widhalm, Greg Harwood. SIXTH ROW: Tony Harwood, Steve Goff, Joe Stark, Randy Geiger. SEVENTH ROW: Mike Widhalm, Mark Hammer, Dick Habets

Valier High School's V-Club is an organization that consists of the best athletes in the school. Members must have lettered in Football, Basketball, Wrestling, or Track.



Mr. VanGorden & Mr. Ballantyne



Mr. Hodgson & Mr. Knueppel

One of the main goals of this organization is to finish the payment on the purple-blazers that will be worn in the coming years by participants in all of the school sports.



FRONT ROW: Mr. Hodgson; Sponsor, Alice Hayne, Loretta Stokes, Debbie Rideout, Kathy Widhalm, Evelyn Widhalm: Secretary, Candace Parmelee; President, Penny Nelson; Vice-President, Jane Durnell; Treasurer, Kathy Kovatch, Nancy Crawford, Donita Powers, Debbie Dolan, Connie Stokes. SECOND ROW: Subrina Simmons, Syd Kincaid, Bonnie Dodge, Rhonda Barron, Leslie Thompson, Carol Eubanks, Jody Field, Jane Hammer, Susan Crawford, Jan Neyenhuis, Robin Adams, Debbie Wright, Donna Myrhe, Pam Crawford, Ron Sullivan. THIRD ROW: Marie Adamson, Roberta Keeler, Trudy Hall, Karen Rappold, Cindy Swanson, Rhonda Stokes, Helen Stephens, Valerie Hale, Ray Widhalm, Greg Harwood, Bill Barron, Mark Hammer, Debra Dean, Collette Briden, Bill Smith. FOURTH ROW: Melody Johnson, Marla Slezak, Susan Russell, Carolyn Harwood, Deanna Rideout, Deanna Geiger, Anita Geiger, Sheila Allen, Rich VandeKop, Kenny Kovatch, Dick Habets, Mike Widhalm, Joe Stark, Diane DeVinney, Connie Weizel, Charles King. FIFTH ROW: Melody Struss, Vicki Dolan, Alice Peterson, Jewel Stokes, Twilla Wilson, Gary Arnst, Rick Geiger, Rex Barret, Randy Whitcomb, Nancy Hayne, Ronald Simmons, Doug Powers, Steve Goff, Jerry Widhalm. SIXTH ROW: Jane Getts, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Marlene Amst, Madeline Olson, Aletha Bruner, Denise Gossard, Sue Peterson, Dennis Chatlain, Anthony Harwood, Thomas Christiaens, Dick Wenzel, Roger Culleton, Bob Kovatch, Jean Wheeler, Scott Wright. SEVENTH ROW: Susan Struss, Joan Yeager, Jean Hayes, Judy Hale, Maureen Widhalm, Diane VanGorden, Brett Briden, Randy Rideout, Randy Boumans, John DenBoer, Len VandenBos, Gary Bruce, Ron Widhalm, Tom Widhalm, Tim Widhalm, Robbie VandenBos.

#### School Spirit is Encouraged and Emphasized by Pep Club

The Pep Club began the year by selling Panther pins to encourage school spirit.

Football and basketball seasons kept Pep Club members busy not only supporting the Panthers, but also selling concessions at home games.

In keeping with school spirit, the Pep Club sponsored the "Purple and White Day" dance which concluded a day of sports activities with Browning.

The constitution was revised during the year and will go into effect next fall.



Support to our team



Hard at work



Winners of tournament tickets



Our spirit is showing



FRONT ROW: Marie Adamson, Trudy Hall, Karen Rappold, Susan Crawford, Jane Durnell, Melody Johnson, Jean Wheeler, Debbie Wright, and Mrs. Lohse. SECOND ROW: Sheila Allen, Jewel Stokes and Alice Hayne. Not pictured: Judy Hughes.

#### Interesting Work is Done By Library Staff

The Library Staff is the group responsible for keeping order in the library, checking out books, helping people find materials, and changing the bulletin boards periodically for such things as holidays, tournaments, and National Library Week.

This year in order to stress National Library Week, the librarians set up "Ye Ol'Book Shop," a used paperback book store, in the Conference Room of the library. They put up several posters for this as well as painting psychedelic designs on the windows.

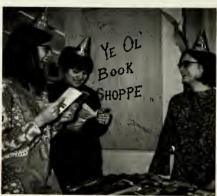
Last spring the librarians took a day off and went on a field trip to Lethbridge, Alberta.

Officers for the past year were: Susan Crawford, President; Marie Adamson, Vice President; Trudy Hall, Secretary and Jewel Stokes, Treasurer.



Karen Rappold and Melody Struss





Sheila Allen, Jane Durnell, and Debbie Wright



FRONT ROW: Susan Russell, Jean Hayes, Eve Widhalm, Donna Myhre, Helen Stephen, Pam Crawford, Mrs. Stoltz, Valerie Hale, Jean Wheeler, Cindy Swanson, Anita Geiger. SECOND ROW: Susan Struss, Melody Johnson, Vicki Dolan, Candy Parmelee, Debbie Rideout, Penny Nelson, Rhonda Stokes, Kathy Widhalm, Loretta Stokes, Trudy Hall, Joan Yeager. THIRD ROW: Nancy Hayne, Alice Peterson, Jewel Stokes, Marla Slezak, Sue Peterson, Sabrina Simmons, Deanna Geiger, Carolyn Harwood, Judy Hale, Roberta Keeler, Marie Adamson, Melody Struss. FOURTH ROW: Deanna Rideout, Colette Briden, Connie Wenzel, Nancy Crawford, Connie Stokes, Twilla Wilson, Leslie Thompson, Debbie Fizpatrick, Diane VanGorden, Madelyn Olson, Kathy Kovatch. Not pictured: Judy Hughes.

## School and Community Are Centers of F.H.A. Work

The Future Homemakers of America is an organization which provides students with an opportunity to experience activities related to homemaking.

New members were initiated at the first meeting, and Mrs. Harry Swanson and Mrs. Norman Holdren were elected FHA mothers.

The chapter's work was centered around school and community. School projects included concessions at football games, the Hayride, the Homecoming dance, and the Christmas formal which was co-sponsored with the V-Club.

A Sunday breakfast, the Co-Op Banquet, and the Senior Tea and Style Show were community projects. A program on birth defects and mental retardation, a handicrafts program, and the Easter Egg Hunt were sponsored as public services.



FRONT ROW: Helen Stephen, Vice President; Pam Crawford, President; Jean Wheeler, Secretary. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Stoltz, Sponsor; Donna Myhre, Treasurer; Cindy Swanson, Songleader; Anita Geiger, Historian; Eve Widhalm, Reporter; Valerie Hale, Parliamentarian.

#### Cavaliers Work for Perfection



FRONT ROW: Sabrina Simmons, Jane Hammer, Debbie Wright, Robin Adams, Captain; Marlene Amst. SECOND ROW: Sydney Kincaid, Carolyn Harwood, Jan Neyenhuis, Marla Slezak, Jean Wheeler. THIRD ROW: Anita Geiger, Trudy Hall, Jewel Stokes, Susan Crawford, Alice Peterson, Manager.

1st Place Trophy



"Man has a deeply rooted feeling and admiration for physical fitness and prowess. The CaValiers work out regularly almost the year around to achieve this physical fitness and prowess, and thus have gained the admiration of the people in this area of the state.

"A piece of the success of the CaValiers belongs to each girl who was willing to put in the time and energy necessary to make the group a strong unit. Above all, each girl had to remember that there is no "!" in TEAM."

Mrs. Barbara Knueppel



Mrs. Barbara Knueppel, Sponsor



SENIORS: Jean Wheeler, Jewel Stokes, and Susan Crawford

The CaValiers practiced most of the year to perfect their routines, and worked most of the summer sponsoring Bake Sales and doing odd jobs to earn money for their uniforms. Their first public appearance was when they marched in the Homecoming Parade and performed at the half-time of the Homecoming game. During the Basketball season, they performed at four home games and seven away games and at both the District and the Divisional Tournaments during the half-time of the finals. The CaValiers sponsored an invitational Meet in March for six Drill Teams from this area. The CaValiers placed first, followed by the Brady Drill Team second, and Cut Bank's third. In May they also participated in the State Drill Team Tournament in Butte.



#### Office Assistants



Pam Crawford, Bonnie Dodge, Diane DeVinney, Debra Dean, Evelyn Widhalm, Karen Rappold, Roberta Keeler.

#### Students Teach Students



Mr. Dan McKenty of Northern Montana College came to fulfill his college requirements of student teaching. Subjects he taught were Economics and U.S. History.



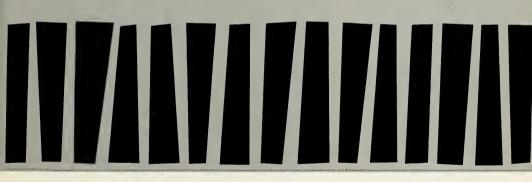
Miss Sharon Stetler, a former graduate of Valier High School, was a student teacher from Western Montana College. She taught English, P.E., and was assistant coach of Girls Track.



Mrs. Sharon Parks, a student from MSU in Bozeman, did her student teaching in Home Ec. II and III, and Typing I and II.



Mr. Gary Miller, a student teacher of Northern Montana College taught English II, III, and IV.



**Activities** 

# The Team Known As the Fighting Panthers



FRONT ROW: Maurie Rideout Mgr., Brett Briden, Kenny Kovatch, Lenny VandenBos, Guy Bradley, Dick Habets, Randy Rideout, David Kovatch, Rex Barret, and David Goff Mgr. SECOND ROW: John Majerus, Bob Kovatch, Steve Goff, Jody Field, Doug Powers, Mark Hammer, Gary Arnst, Greg Harwood, Scott Wright, and Chuck King. THIRD ROW: Gary Casey, Randy Whitcomb, Dennis Chatlain, Tony Harwood, Tom Christiaens, Roger Culleton, Joe Stark, Dick Wenzel, and Rick Gieger. Not Pictured, Randy Geiger.

"In our estimation the 1969 football team was a great success. Although we won only three out of eight games we had a 'winning season.' By this we mean that everything we did during this football season was 100 percent all the way toward making a team to be proud of. We, the tri-captains, are proud to be able to say we were a part of this team, and we are sure all the members of the team share this belief."

Tom Christiaens Denny Chatlain Tony Harwood



Tri-captains: Tony Harwood, Denny Chatlain, and Tom Christiaens.



Coaches: Mr. Knueppel, Mr. VanGorden, and Mr. Dunlap.



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an end.

a halfback.



John Majerus-Guard



Mark Hammer-Guard





Dick Habets-Halfback



Dennis Chatlain-End







Tony Harwood-Halfback

#### Football Is Action



I wonder!



Moving out.



A big decision.



Harlem or bust.



A touchdown.



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#### Football Cheerleaders



Back row: Debbie Rideout, Alice Hayne, Loretta Stokes. Front row: Evelyn Widhalm, and Kathy Widhalm.





"We the cheerleaders enjoyed the football season tremendously. Although there were a few rough games, we are very proud of our team and enjoyed cheering for them during the 1969 football season."



### Spirit Shown at Homecoming



The Valier High School Cavaliers presented their first performance during the half-time of the homecoming football game.







All organizations participated very enthusiastically by entering floats in the home-coming parade.







The Junior's float took first place.

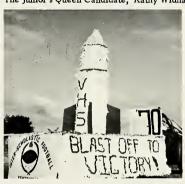


The Junior's Queen Candidate, Kathy Widhalm.

Class spirit was shown through queen candidates and floats.



Senior Queen Candidate, Eve Widhalm.



The second place float was the Senior's.



Sophomore's float placed third.



Donita Powers was the Sophomore Queen Candidate.



The Freshman Queen Candidate, Kathy Kovatch, and their float.





"A Boy Named Sue" was the theme for our contest between all Senior football players. Denny Chatlain was crowned "SUE".



Students show spirit at the Bonfire.



Donita's escort, Lenny VandenBos. Kathy's escort, Randy Rideout. Kathy's escort, Jody Fields. Eve's escort, Denny Chatlain.



A Kiss for the Queen!



Happiness is a Crown!



Queen, Kathy Widhalm. Back row, Eve Widhalm, Donita Powers, and Kathy Kovatch.

### The Chips Are Down



WOW

Tony Harwood Jan Neyenhuis Joe Stark Robbie VandenBos Jane Durnell Jean Wheeler Trudy Hall Greg Harwood Doug Bowman Bill Barron

- Dirty Dan - Lilac Valentine
- Lilac Valentine
   Stainless Steel
- Ben BlueberryMartha BlueberryBertha Finch
- Prudence Finch
- Pianist
- Stage Manager
- Stage Manager



Dirty Ol' Man



Big Mouth



Trudy Hall, Greg Harwood, Jean Wheeler, Tony Harwood, Joe Stark, Robbie VandenBos, Jane Durnell, Jan Neyenhuis.



Got Him



Long Tall Tex



Directors: Mr. Joe Poelma, Miss Judy Stevenson, and Mr. Gary Springer.



The Drinking Man



Valier 46 Brady Valier 58 Chester 79 Valier 41 Simms 51 Valier 41 Browning 79 Valier 42 Fairfield 54 Valier 62 39 Simms Valier 63 Big Sandy 54 Valier 41 Cut Bank 67 Valier 45 Choteau 61 Valier 60 Shelby 90 75 Valier 53 Sunburst 59 Valier 51 Conrad Valier 64 Browning 82 Valier 64 Fairfield 61 Valier 48 Cut Bank 62 60 59 76 57 60 Valier 61 Choteau Valier 49 Shelby Valier 42 Sunburst Valier 46 Conrad Big Sandy Valier 45 Valier 54 Chester 59 Valier 61 Browning 64 Valier 50 Conrad

Jody Field, Rick Geiger, Randy Geiger, Joe Stark, Mr. Ballantyne, Coach; Mr. Knueppel, coach; Tom Christiaens, Tony Harwood, Bob Kovatch, John Majerus.

### The 1969-1970 "Fighting Panthers"

"Other teams may have been faster than we were, larger than we were, and had more ability than we had-but no team was superior to us in team spirit, fight, determination, ambition, and character.



John Majerus



Tom Christiaens



Tony Harwood

"John, Tom, and Tony each made a great contribution to Valier athletics. John, a reserve for so long, has to be known as Mr. Hustle. Tom, an all conference performer with a losing team, always thought of the team first. Tony can be remembered for his eagerness and his come back attitude."

### Leaders of School Spirit



STANDING: Loretta Stokes, Alice Hayne, and Debbie Rideout. KNEELING: Eva Widhalm and Kathy Widhalm.



FRONT ROW: Eve Widhalm, Kathy Widhalm, and Alice Hayne. SECOND ROW: Loretta Stokes, and Debbie Rideout. BACK ROW: Mr. Hodgson, Sponsor.



The long hours and hard work put forth by the 1969-70 A-squad cheerleaders paid off when at the District 3 Class B tournament they were awarded the second place cheerleading trophy.





FRONT ROW: Ron Widhalm, Ken Kovatch, Len VandenBos, Dave Kovatch, Tom Widhalm. BACK ROW: Randy Rideout, Rick VandeKop, Scott Wright, Gary Casey, Ted Holdren, Ron Sullivan, Gary Bruce, and Mr. Ballantyne, Coach.

### B-Squad Showed Enthusiasm

The B-Squad worked hard this year, and with a little more desire and experience, many of them could make a fine showing in their next few years. Gary Casey, who worked with the A-Squad much of the time, promises to be an asset to the Varsity next year. Scott Wright, a freshman, was out most of the season due to a knee operation. Even though the team won only a few games, everyone kept trying and often came close to winning more in some high scoring games.



FRONT ROW: Kathy Kovatch, Donita Powers, Nancy Crawford. BACK ROW: Debbie Dolan, Connie Stokes.

### Panthers Show Hustle













### Panthers Win Eight



FRONT ROW: Mike Widhalm, Gary Widhalm, Dick Habets, Gary Hammer, and Greg Harwood. SECOND ROW: Brett Briden, Larry Wunderlich, and Bill Smith. THIRD ROW: Mr. Hodgson, Coach; Randy Whitcomb, Jeff Briden, Terry VandenBos, Karl Rappold, Jerry Widhalm, Ray Widhalm, Gary Arnst, and Tim Widhalm, Mgr.

### **Statistics**

Valier	6	Cut Bank	40
Valier	14	Chester	34
Valier	43	Shelby	8
Valier	24	Big Sandy	16
Valier	27	Big Sandy	14
Valier	<sup>*</sup> 44	Browning	8
Valier	13	Sunburst	33
Valier	23	Cut Bank	29
Valier	19	Simms	21
Valier	<b>SS</b>	Browning	S
Valier	28	Shelby	12
Valier	37	Chester	11
Valier	28	Simms	18

Terry VandenBos, 16S pound class, made an excellent come back after a shoulder injury sustained in a motor-cycle accident the previous spring. Terry went ahead to place third at the Divisional Wrestling Tournament.

Led by the co-captains, Ray Widhalm and Terry VandenBos, the Valier mat-men did a fine job in the 1969-70 season. The senior boys did a fine job wrestling throughout the whole season and were a great help in aiding our 8-5 season dual-meet record. Although Terry VandenBos was the only wrestler to go to state, other members of the team showed great improvement. We expect great things of them in the years to come.



### Senior Wrestlers



Jeff Briden, 175 pound class, finished his third year of wrestling with a 16-3 record.

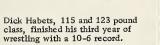
Ray Widhalm, 145 pound class, finished his third year of wrestling with a 9-9 record.











Karl Rappold, 185 pound class, finished his first year of wrestling with a 9-11 record.



# Valier Takes Second in First Lake Francis Annual Tournament



FRONT ROW: Mike Widhalm, 3rd-98 lb; Ray Widhalm, 3rd-145 lb; and Dick Habets, 2nd-123 lb. BACK ROW: Terry VandenBos, 1st-165 lb; Jeff Briden, 1st-175 lb; Randy Whitcomb, 4th- 155 lb; Karl Rappold, 2nd-185 lb; Jerry Widhalm, 2nd 130 lb; Gary Arnst, 4th-137 lb; and Mr. Hodgson, Coach.



Hey Coach! Get up!

Up Up and Away



Victory send off for the Wrestlers





### Basketball is for Girls



Clockwise from top: Vicki Dolan, Debra Dean, Pam Crawford, Joan Yeager, Susan Russell, Deanna Geiger, Donna Myhre, Penny Nelson, Deanna Rideout, Rhonda Stokes, Trudy Hall, Nancy Crawford, Candy Parmelee. Center: Mr. Springer.







This year some of the girls of Valier High School participated in basketball tournament games with many of the surrounding school's girls teams. We also held some games in Valier, which brought a different style of entertainment to the basketball fans.

### Students Enjoyed Intramural Basketball



First Place, "The Outcasts." FRONT ROW: Gary Hammer, Dick Habets, Randy Rideout. SECOND ROW: Larry Wunderlich, Gary Casey, Tom Christiaens, Captain; Dick Wenzel.



Second Place, "The Clod Squad." FRONT ROW: Kenny Kovatch, John Majerus, Captain; Jody Field, Rex Barrett. XECOND ROW: Ted Holdren, Randy Boumans, Joe Stark, Gary Bruce.



Third Place, "The Screaming Yellow Zonkers." FRONT ROW: Dennis Chatlain, Dave Kovatch, Doug Powers. SECOND ROW: Steve Goff, Randy Geiger. THIRD ROW: Bob Kovatch, Captain.



First Place, "The Zapernucks." FRONT ROW: Penny Nelson, Nancy Crawford, SECOND ROW: Melodie Struss, Trudy Hall. THIRD ROW: Deanna Geiger, Marlene Arnst. Not pictured: Eve Widhalm, Captain.



Second Place, "The Super Six." FRONT ROW: Deanna Rideout, Susan Russell, Connie Pepion. SECOND ROW: Anita Geiger, Candy Parmelee. Not Pictured: Debbie Rideout, Captain.



Third Place, "The Rockettes." FRONT ROW: Loretta Stokes, Captain; Cindy Swanson. SECOND ROW: Connie Stokes, Jane Hammer.



Fourth Place, "The Farkle Family." Len VandenBos, Bill Barron, Tony Harwood, Captain; Rick Geiger, Rick Vandekop, and Gary Arnst.



Fourth Place, "The Be-Boppers." Front Row: Carolyn Harwood, and Syd Kincaid. Back Row: Nancy Hayne, and Rhonda Barron. Not pictured: Kathy Widhalm.



"I can't bear to look!"



"Did you see that foul?"

# Faculty vs A—Squad



"Say Ahhhhhh!!!"

### FHA and V—Club Sponsor



Terry VandenBos and Donna Myhre reign King and Queen.







Jody Field and Jane Hammer participating in the Grand March.



Cindy Swanson highlights the evening with a solo.



Back row: Debbie Rideout and Denny Chatlain, Senior candidates; Terry VandenBos and Helen Stephen, Junior candidates. Front row: Ron Sullivan and Carolyn Harwood, Freshman candidates; Donna Myhre and Gary Casey, Sophomore candidates.



Santa crowns Terry and Donna.

### Seniors Present "The Stuck Pot"





Directors: Mr. Springer and Miss Stephenson.

Our make-up expert, Mrs. Lohse.



Dean Louise Taggart. Pam Crawford Grace Sedgwick. . . Candy Parmelee Willard Sedgewick . Dick Habets Alice Ann Sedgwick . Penny Nelson Mary Jane Thompkins. Cindy Swanson Gail Treat . . . . Vicki Dolan Kay Emerson . . . Jean Wheeler Dr. Jacoby . . . . Dennis Chatlain Amy Caldwell . . . Debbie Rideout Lucile Coulter . . . Loretta Stokes . . Jean Wheeler Tulia. . . . . Debra Dean Ruth. . . . . . Bonnie Dodge Alberta . . . Eunice . . . . . Alice Hayne Ida . . . . . . . Evelyn Widhalm Joan. . . . . . . Jan Neyenhuis . . . . . Debbie Rideout Martha Edward Mott . . . Mark Hammer Hubert Farrelly . . . Tony Harwood . . John Majerus Grant Weston . . Doug Bowman Ross Buckingham Bill Barron Ray Widhalm Jason boys . . . . . Tom Christiaens

Bedroom scene?



OH EDWARD!!



Band performs with Drill Team at Homecoming.

Juniors sing at Christmas Concert.

Pep Band at Football game.

### Music In Action



Play your hearts out!



We all sing together.

### Solos at District



Greg Harwood played "The Jolly Coppersmith," and received a two rating.

### Senior Members



CHORUS: FRONT ROW: Eve Widhalm, Cindy Swanson. BACK ROW: Tony Harwood, Tom Christiaens.

### Allstate Band and Chorus

Pam Crawford, 3rd Trumpet, and Penny Nelson, 2nd Clarinet, performed with the All-State Band in Missoula.

### Music Festival

Jan Neyenhuis played "Saxene", and received a rating of three.





BAND: FRONT ROW: Jean Wheeler, Debra Dean. SECOND ROW: Cindy Swanson, Candy Parmelee, Loretta Stokes. THIRD ROW: Penny Nelson, Pam Crawford, Bonnie Dodge, Debbie Rideout. FOURTH ROW: John Majerus, Ray Widhalm, Dick Habets.



Cindy Swanson, soprano, and Bob Kovatch, bass, sang at All-State Chorus in Missoula.



### New Enthusiasm Builds Track Spirit



Front Row: Dave Kovatch, Guy Bradley, Kenny Kovatch. Second Row: Ron Sullivan, Lenny VandenBos, Dick Habets, Randy Rideout, Jody Field. Third Row: Gary Bruce, Tony Harwood, Denny Chatlain, Tom Christiaens, Tom Widhalm. Fourth Row: Gary Casey, Joe Stark, Rick Geiger, Larry Wunderlich. Not pictured, Greg Harwood.

Considering the rainy, snowy, windy weather the Valier High School Girls' and Boys' Track teams came through quite well. The greater participation and more enthusiasm was shown by the increase in number of members since last year. The teams scored more points than any in the recorded history of the Valier Track program.



Mr. Norman Ballantyne



Mrs. Sharon Christiaens



First Row: Connie Pepion, Penny Nelson, Maureen Widhalm, Kathy Widhalm, Second Row: Marlene Amst, Diane VanGorden, Debbie Rideout, Nancy Hayne, Third Row: Candy Parmelee, Carolyn Harwood, Eve Widhalm, Leslie Thompson.



Mr. Paul Kneuppel



These four track members pictured: Tom Christiaens, Tony Harwood, Jody Field, and Dick Habets, participated in the Divisional Track Meet held in Great Falls at Memorial Stadium.

To qualify for the Divisional meet a track participant must place in the top five places in the District Track Meet. This year Dick qualified in the Javilin Throw by placing fourth. Jody placed fifth in his specialty, the Pole Vault. Tom qualified in the Shot Put with third place. Tony placed first in the Mile and 880 yard Runs.

In the Divisional Track Meet Dick and Jody failed to place. Tom and Tony qualified for the State Track Meet in Missoula with Tom placing fifth in the Shot Put and Tony placing first in the 880 and Mile Runs.

This year Tom and Tony qualified for the Inter-Scholastic Track and Field Meet held in Missoula. At this track meet Tony placed third in the 880 yard Run and fourth place in the Mile Run. Tom gave a very good effort but failed to make the finals in the Shot Put.



Tom Christiaens



Tony Harwood



Tony Harwood, Senior



Tom Christiaens, Senior



Dick Habets, Senior



Denny Chatlain, Senior



At the District Track meet in Choteau five girls qualified for the Divisional Track meet at Fort Benton. Candy Parmelee placed third in the discus, Penny Nelson placed fifth in the 100 yard dash, Kathy Widhalm placed third in the 50 yard and 80 meter hurdles, and the 880 medley relay team, consisting of Penny Nelson, Marlene Arnst, Kathy Widhalm, and Maureen Widhalm placed third.

At the Divisional Meet, Kathy Widhalm placed third in the 50 yard hurdles, which qualified her for State. The 880 medley relay team did place fifth, but didn't qualify for State. There was much competition from all the other surrounding Class B and C schools.



Kathy Widhalm

Kathy went to the State Track Meet in Billings to compete in the 50 yard hurdles. Although Kathy didn't place she put forth a great deal to get in the finals.



Evelyn Widhalm, Senior



Penny Nelson, Senior



Candy Parmelee, Senior



Debbie Rideout, Senior



The majestic moment



Juniors decorating?



Her Majesty and His Highness

### Juniors Presented "Royal Dreams"



Other candidates: Eve Widhalm, Ross Buckingham, Cindy Swanson

Hey Ronnie, we're missing all the fun



### F.H.A. Involved in Many Activities



State Convention Delegates: Donna Myhre, Helen Stephen, Sponsor Mrs. Stoltz, Diane Van Gorden.

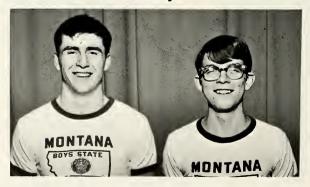


President, Pam Crawford



Decorating for the Christmas Formal

### Students Participated in Montana Boys and Girls State



Tony Harwood and Mark Hammer



Pam Crawford



The Dolt Dancers



Easter Egg Hunt in the Snow



Fun and games at the Slumber Party



Father - Daughter Banquet



Father Paul Kingston, Speaker at Banquet

### We Let the Good Time





Even chaparones have to get wet.



Help we're sinking Come on the actions over here.



BITTIT



Whatcha dreaming that is so funny?



ZAP

### Swing at Lake Blaine



Rolling around



They found us again!



Pam's tired



Sleeping Beauty?



Hey Alice, You're almost all wet.

### Students Work is



Heisey Award Winners: Karl Rappold, Cindy Swanson, Doug Bowman, Marie Adamson, and Mark Hammer.



Evelyn Widhalm received the Home Economics Crisco Award.



Cindy Swanson was recognized as the Outstanding Homemaker.



Alice Hayne won the Silver Key of Journalism and the Betty Crocker Award.

### Recognized at Class Night



Dennis Chatlain received the Extra Effort Football Award.



Tom Christiaens earned the Community Club Free Throw Award



Pam Crawford



Mark Hammer

Terry VanDenBos was recognized as the High Point Wrestler.



Juniors who received the American Legion Citizenship Award.



Karen Rappold



Larry Wunderlich



### Students Received Other Awards

Pondera County Junior Miss Pageant participants were Cindy Swandon, Susan Crawford, and Alice Hayne. Susan was named Second Runner-up.

Pam Crawford received the first place trophy in Shorthand I competition at the Great Falls Commercial College.



Joe Stark won the Sun River Rural Electric Cooperative Washington D.C. trip.



Mark Hammer





Jane Durnell



Robin Adams



Karen Rappold





These four interested students attended High School Week at Bozeman. Mark was second place winner in Class B.

## Happiness is — the Senior Tea and Style Show



Sponsor, Mrs. Robin Stoltz; President, Pam Crawford; and Chapter Mother, Mrs. Harry Swanson.



The Senior Girls

The F.H.A. sponsors the Senior Tea and Style Show annually. All Home Economics girls participate in the style show, modeling their Home Economics projects. Each Senior girl was presented with a long stem rose, and her future plans were presented.



Marla Slezak modeling Jane Hammer's formal.



Debbie Rideout modeling her dress.



Deanna Geiger was



### Banquet Enjoyed By Seniors and Guests



Our Guest Speaker, Mr. Bob Norris

This years Senior Banquet was attended by the Seniors, their parents, and the members of the High School Faculty. All of the hard work, such as preparing and serving the banquet, was done by the members of the Junior Class and their



The class colors, blue and yellow, were used by the senior class for their table decorations.

parents.



Mr. Charles VanGorden, Master of Ceremonies



An attentive audience



Entertainment was provided by Cindy Swanson who sang "May You Always," and by Susan Crawford who danced.



The Sunday before graduation, Baccalureate is always held for the graduating class. The religions of the class of ninteenseventy united this year to express their need for God's help in the future. Impressive words were offered by local Religious leaders.

### Religion is Still Relevent to Todays Youth



Just waiting





Father Timothy Werner, Rev. James Holmlund, Mrs. Linda Holden, Pianist; Mrs. Pattie Jo Christiaens. Soloist.

# First Outdoor Graduation Ceremony Held on the Football Field





Mr. James Lucas, Commencement Speaker



Alice Hayne, Valedictorian



Mark Hammer, Salutatorian



Today is the First Day



Juniors held pine boughs



Colors - Royal Blue and Yellow Flower - Yellow Mum



Pam Crawford was presented with the American Legion Award



Ray Widhalm and Penny Nelson received the "I Dare You" award

### of the Rest of Our Lives

### Graduates Will Remember Their Senior Party



Seniors dance to the "Blue Steam".



Staying up all night sure builds an appetite.



Some others who made it through the night.

Wide awake? Watching "The Happening."





You woke me up just to take a picture?

Everybody in.



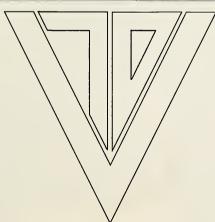


Secretary, Alice Hayne; President, Jean Wheeler; Vice President, Ray Widhalm; Treasurer, Dennis Chatlain.

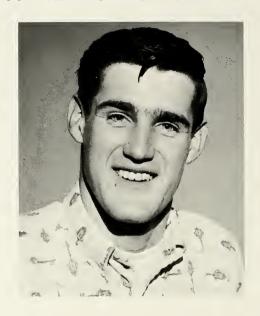


Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Charles VanGorden





### William Cline Adamson



This Is the Way We Will

Remember Him



Bill, a loyal friend and classmate







William Barron

Thomas Allen





Randall Boumans

Douglas Bowman

Jeffery Briden











Dennis Chatlain

Thomas Christiaens

Susan Crawford

Pamela Crawford









Debra Dean

Bonnie Dodge





Vicki Dolan

Dick Habets



Anthony Harwood

Mark Hammer



John Majerus









Penelope Nelson

Candace Parmelee

Alice Peterson

Karl Rappold







Deborah Rideout

Jewel Stokes



Loretta Stokes

Cynthia Swanson



Jean Wheeler Evelyn Widhalm



Twilla Wilson







The Senior "Purple-White Day" poster took third place.



What's this? A teacher-student relationship??



Jeff's the Sheriff



John's working?



And to all a Goodnight.

You pouting again Denny?



You Devil You!



Don't blow your mind Mark

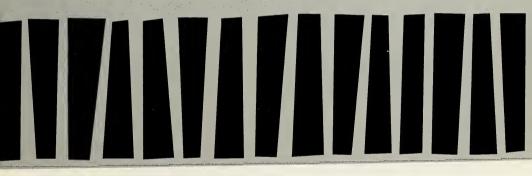


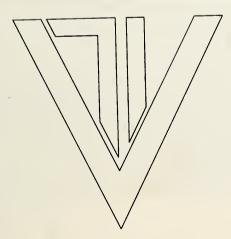




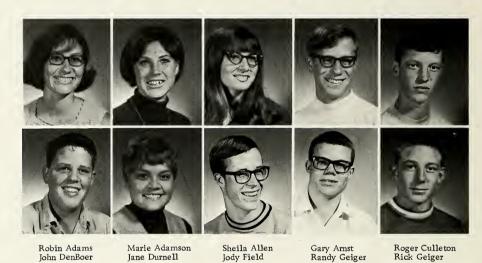
Sponsors: Mr. Norman Ballantyne, Mr. Joe Poelma

Helen Stephen, Vice President; Jane Durnell, Treasurer; Kathy Widhalm, President; Marie Adamson, Secretary





## Junior Class







Susan Struss Melody Struss









Terry VandenBos Dick Wenzel









Steve Wenzel Jerry Widhalm





Robert Kovatch Doug Powers Joe Stark

Jan Neyenhuis Karen Rappold Helen Stephen

Gary Widhalm Kathy Widhalm



In Memoriam

We, the Class of '71, dedicate this portion of the Northern Lights to the memory of our dear friend and fellow classmate, Desi, who met her death in an automobile accident August 11, 1969. Our hearts will remain with her always.

Jacquelynne Desiree Pepion









Debbie Wright Larry Wunderlich





The Juniors "Purple-White Day" poster took first place.



You better take that back



Hard at work



Are you sure Joe?



Kinda pretty



This is fun

Delicious?







Sponsors: Mr. Paul Knueppel, Mr. Jack Dunlap

Donita Powers, Secretary

Lenny VandenBos, President

Donna Myhre, Vice President

Kenny Kovatch, Treasurer





# Sophomore Class





Nancy Hayne Sydney Kincaid Dave Kovatch

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Connie Pepion Donita Powers



Linda Reishus Susan Russell

Marla Slezak Ronnie Simmons









Kenny Kovatch Jayme Nelson

Donna Myhre Ted Orr

Rhonda Stokes Rick <u>V</u>anDeKop



















Tim Widhalm Joan Yeager



The Sophomores "Purple-White Day" poster got fourth place.



I hate modeling



I Love You Panthers



Would you let go of the board Dave



Look who's working

Now what do I do ?





Sponsors: Mrs. Robin Stoltz, Miss Judy Stephenson

Ron Sullivan, Vice President Colette Briden, Treasurer Connie Stokes, Secretary Nancy Crawford, President





### Freshman Class





















Marlene Arnst Debbie Fitzpatrick

Brett Briden Deanna Geiger

Colette Briden Carlos Eubanks

Gary Bruce Carol Eubanks

Nancy Crawford Jane Getts















Randy Rideout Sabrina Simmons



Bill Smith Connie Stokes



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Ron Sullivan Leslie Thompson



Madelyn Olson Georgia Phillips

Sue Peterson Deanna Rideout

Diane VanGorden Robbie VandenBos





Maureen Widhalm Ron Widhalm





Tom Widhalm Scott Wright





The Freshman's "Purple-White Day" poster took second place.



Cowboy Bob



Ronnie, I'm embarrassed.



Just act like you know what you're doing and you'll get an "A".



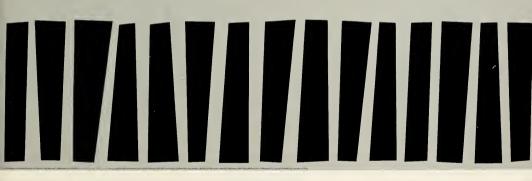
Pretty sexy, huh?



What's he talking about anyway?



Don't you dare take that picture



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